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(C) Japan, as co-chair of the BMENA Forum for the Future, plans to attend the October 18-19 meeting in Abu Dhabi at the Ministerial level, confirms MOFA First Middle East Division Principal Deputy Director Akihiro Tsuji. However, he reminded us that it is unknown at this moment who the Foreign Minister will be on that date, as it is likely Japan will have a new Prime Minister on or about September 25, at which point a new Foreign Minister may be named. At present, however, MOFA is working on the assumption that the minister will attend the Forum. Embassy Tokyo will confirm with MOFA after the new government is seated that this remains the plan. Political Officer also advised Tsuji of the demarches being made per Reftel and he was grateful to hear that the United States is actively seeking the presence of Foreign Ministers from other participants and that the Secretary plans to attend.
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